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1. ECONOFF DISCUSSED AFDB/AFDF MAURITIUS MEETINGS WITH
JEAN CLAREL RAMASINAIVO, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MADAGASCAR'S
CENTRAL BANK ON APRIL 15.

2. RAMASINAIVO WOULD NOT COMMIT HIMSELF AS TO WHICH ISSUES
MADAGASCAR DELEGATION MIGHT RAISE AT THE MEETINGS, EXPLAINING
THAT NOT ALL MEETING DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND THAT
MADAGASCAR DELEGATION WOULD NOT DECIDE ITS POSITION UNTIL THE
VERY LAST MOMENT BEFORE DEPARTURE. HE VOLUNTEERED, HOWEVER,
THAT HE BELIEVES FOLLOWING TWO ISSUES WILL BE AMONG THE MOST
IMPORTANT TO BE CONSIDERED:

A. RECONSTRUCTION OF RESOURCES: RAMASINAIVO SAID THAT WHILE
MADAGASCAR WELCOMES FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION OF NON-AFRICAN
MEMBERS IN THE FUND, IT DOES NOT AGREE WITH SOME OTHER
MEMBERS WHO BELIEVE NON-AFRICAN COUNTRIES SHOULD BE ALLOWED
MEMBERSHIP IN THE BANK.

B. INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCILS
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OF BANK AND FUND: RAMASINAIVO BELIEVES THAT THIS WILL BE
AN IMPORTANT AND VERY DELICATE QUESTION, BUT HIS GOVERN-
MENT FOR THE MOMENT HAS NOT DECIDED ITS POSITION, PAR-
TIALY BECAUSE IT HAS NOT RECEIVED ALL DOCUMENTS.

3. RAMASINAIVO SAID THAT HE WAS SURE THAT MADAGASCAR
WOULD WISH TO RAISE CERTAIN BILATERAL MATTERS WITH

US DELEGATION BUT HE DECLINED TO BE SPECIFIC.

4. RAMASINAIVO WILL LEAD MADAGASCAR'S DELEGATION IN PLACE OF MADAGASCAR'S GOVERNOR, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PLAN, RAKOTOVAO-RAZAKABOANA. ALFRED RAKOTONOMENJANAHARY, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NEWLY-ORGANIZED BANK FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WILL ALSO ATTEND. THREE OR FOUR OTHER GOVERNMENT ADVISERS WILL ASSIST RAMASINAIVO AND RAKOTONOMENJANAHARY.

5. WHILE EMBASSY HAS NO SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS, WE BELIEVE THAT US DELEGATION WILL FIND RAMASINAIVO VERY AGREEABLE TO FRANK AND REALISTIC DISCUSSION OF ALL ISSUES.
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